House Resolution No. 128

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Edward J. "Ed" Stiften, an esteemed resident of Defiance, Missouri, who will step down as Chief Financial Officer of BJC HealthCare in March 2004 after six years of exceptional service and dedication; and

Whereas, throughout his impressive tenure as Chief Financial Officer, Ed Stiften has been responsible for developing and directing strategic business plans that optimize BJC's current and future financial performance; and

Whereas, a generous supporter of several charitable organizations, Ed Stiften has earned the praise and respect of his colleagues for his quiet demeanor and compassionate nature as well as for the fiscal responsibility and conservatism he brought to the many duties and tasks placed before him; and

Whereas, credited with improving financial performance and strategic planning in several corporations, Ed Stiften boasts more than twenty-seven years of financial and accounting expertise in businesses covering more than thirty-five different industries; and

Whereas, prior to joining BJC in 1998, Ed Stiften served as executive vice president and chief administrative officer at Clark Refining and Marketing, Inc. (Premcor), employee of General Dynamics Corporation for sixteen years, controller for the Coca Cola Bottling Company of St. Louis, and senior auditor for Arthur Andersen and Company; and

Whereas, a certified public accountant, Ed Stiften received his degree in Business Administration at the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 1976; and

Whereas, a dedicated family man whose collection of state-of-the-art sporting equipment rivals that of most sporting goods stores, Ed Stiften has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family which includes his devoted wife, Brenda, and his son, Luke:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Ed Stiften for his six years of unparalleled service to BJC HealthCare, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Edward J. Stiften.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway District No. 87

Representative Carl Bearden District No. 16

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 128, adopted January 21, 2004.